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Subject: injection wells permit process

Aloha Ms. Rumrill,

I have worked at Maui Dreams Dive Co. for 10 years. In that time I have dove thousands of dives and watched the ongoing degradation of our reef system. I believe there has been too little water-quality testing and too little education of the public regarding the effects of pollutants and contaminants entering the ocean from injection wells.

With water shortages always imminent here on Maui, the waste of 15 million gallons of water per day that could be used for irrigation purposes is the second major concern I have. With these permits lasting 10 years I feel it is important that the public be allowed to comment on the precedents set by the wording and intentions of the permit. 10 years is a long time to continue with the status quo. I would like to see a mandate demanding the investigation into alternative methods of water disposal included in the permit, as well as shorter permit life-spans.

Please consider allowing public testimony on these issues. I am concerned that the precedents set with the Lahaina permit will affect the permit process when it comes to my home in Kihei.

Mahalo,

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